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Title: **DIAGNOSIS OF SPONGIFORM DISEASE****PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.182 TO REPLACE DEFECTIVE DOCUMENTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

To the Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.182, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: 1) to replace the defective Inventor Oath & Declaration as originally filed with the corrected Inventor Oath & Declaration attached hereto; and 2) to replace the defective U.S. National Phase Transmittal Letter as originally filed with the corrected U.S. National Phase Transmittal Letter attached hereto.

**FACTS AND REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF CORRECTED DOCUMENTS**

On February 7, 2003, Applicant's undersigned counsel was contacted by phone by Mr. Micheal Neas of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office PCT Branch. Mr. Neas noted that the Transmittal Letter and the Inventor Oath & Declaration as originally submitted in this application contained a typographical error in the serial number of the underlying PCT application. The correct PCT Serial No. is PCT/GB 97/02667 and is properly reflected in the substitute documents submitted herewith.

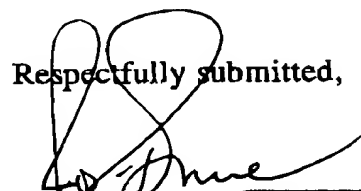
To correct the error in the serial number, Applicant respectfully requests that the Transmittal Letter and Inventor Oath & Declaration attached hereto be entered in place of the previously submitted Transmittal Letter and Inventor Oath & Declaration.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-2055 in the amount of \$130 to pay for the cost of this petition.

If the Office requires any further corrections or clarifications, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at 608-821-2100.

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Respectfully submitted,



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